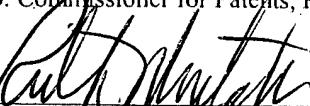


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In response to a Restriction Requirement dated April 9, 2003, applicant hereby provisionally elects alleged Group I which is directed to claims 1-19, with traverse for further prosecution at this time.

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